FATAL COLLAPSE. OF STATION STAIRS STILL A MYSTERY

Public Service Experts Find No Clue to Explain Death of D. H. Cochran.

-DEBRIS HURRIED AWAY.

Old Cracks Found in Nostrand Avenue Structure of Long

Island Railroad.

Long Island Railroad in a statelesued to-day attributed to "vibration of the structure" the extraorchary collapse last night of the station s sice at the New York avenue end of the Nostrand avenue elevated station in soklyn which instantly killed David Cochran, the well known art critic coording to the califord's Atatement, the structure is of modern construction and our usual inspection and care of it did not show any signs of failure."

Inspection of all the stairways along the line of the elevated structure in Brooklyn was made immediately after t night's fatal accident, the railroad fficials say, and to-day gangs of men were putting shoring timbers under the saining stairways at the Nostrand

Robert Ridgway, the Public Service nmission's engineer, inspected what sined, of the wreckage, but said could not besard an explanation of supports and girders that had ped from their place and had been

OT BUILT UNDER PUBLIC SER VICE EXPERTS.

Public Bervice Commission had thing to do with the construction of he states. Mr. Ridgway added; that work in conjunction with the building of the station had been under the superion of the old Atlantic Avenue Imvement Commission, which had sed out of existence with the com-



in Jamaica. This official made no John toned.

sacy ordered an investigation to be acter. datly with that of the Public vice Commission's engineer.

What appeared to be important evi ence in determining the cause of the adden collapse of fully twenty feet of tairway from the midway platform to · level of the station was pointed out -day by an engineer who visited the cene in a voluntary capacity. From edge of the midway platform breaking the ascent and extending along the ere set and which remained intact hen the stairway fell out, are two racks, one on each side support. They re both nearly a foot long and are usted inside, showing that they are of ong standing and have, presumably dunity widened.

vibration of the elevated structur or the continuous passage of traincircl heavier than those of other evated lines in the city is supposed to dee caused the cracks to form, and erday's cold snap may have brough out the final weakening of the stairs

HREE OTHER STAIRS AT STA-TIONS STILL USED.

order was given, either by the er Island Railroad or the Public ice Commission, for the closing other three stairways that lead to station platform, all of which are e used by passengers than the one collapsed.

The collapsed.
The circumstance that the stairway hich carried Mr. Cochran down to sain at 7 o'clock last night was the nat used of the four exits from the fity station is doubtless the cause of livation of many persons who alighted the train with him at the Nostrand Fitus station. All trains stop nearer the Nostrand avenue stairs than to

Wreck of Fallen Railroad Stairs in Which Art Expert Was Killed



the New York avenue descent and while Mr. Cochran and John Mikela of No. 147
Dean street, were the only two to descend the weskened stairway, dozens were going down the Nostrand avenue stairs when the crast of the falling structure was heard.

Mrs. Cochran was under the care of a trained nurse at her home, No. 125 Macon street, Brooklyn, to-day, suffering from complete prostration. On her husband's body after it had been dust out of the mass of cement and steel, last night, was found a pearl necklace, the Christmas sift he had purchased not an hour before his death for his wife.

BROTHER OF DIVORCEE

SUES THE EX-HUSBAND

Moncy Advanced for Support of Coffin's Children.

John F. McIntyre was a witness as well as lawyer to-day in the trial of an action brought by Ira Richards from a with the street of the defendance of the defendance of the complete of the mass of cement and steel, last night, was found a pearl necklace, the Christmas sift he had purchased not an action brought by Ira Richards from the wife. Mrs. Marian Richards Coffin, diswife, Mrs. Marian Richards Coffin and Coffin Richards Coffin and Coffin Richards Richards

BREWER KATZ LOSES: MUST SERVE SENTENCE.

Court Compliments Jury for Conviction on Larceny Charge After Able Defense.

The Appellate Division to-day affirmed the conviction of Charles Katz on a charge of grand larceny and by sentence by Supreme Court Justice Marchs to not less than three years or more than seven years in State prison. Katz was indicted on three counts, charging generally that Aug. 2, 1909, he stole from Matthew M. Joyce forty-six certificates for 100 shares each of the capital stock of the Davis-Daily Copper Company, worth \$7.50 per share, and 156 certificates for 100 shares each of the certificates for 100 shares each of the Company. certificates for 100 shares each of the

The District-Attorney showed that beds Katz conspired with one Clark, a curb was intoxicated. broker, and one Perach, who had an office with him, and with one Sherwood, a cashler for the brokerage firm of Leonard J. Fields & Co.

Justice Scott, who wrote the decision, compliments the Special Jury that tried the case and says: "We should hesitate Trusty was acquitted to-day by a jury pletion of the Long Island road's sub-vay and elevated construction along by such a jury, especially when the de-fendant has been represented, as in this hours. The railroad officials declared that case by counsel of long experience in The evidence was all circumstantial criminal trials, and one of unquestioned bould come from their maintenance of energy and devotion to his client's side with cuts and bruises on head for the read-side with cuts and bruises on head for the cause."

against Tristram R. Coffin. The detend-ant was formerly a stock broker. His wife, Mrs. Marian Richards Coffin, di-vorced him in May, 1911. Mr. Medintyre represented Coffin in the action for di-vorce, which was brought in Massa-ciusetts. Mrs. Coffin charged that the

broker was an habitual drunkard.
Richards, the plaintiff in the present suit, is a brother of Mrs. Coffin and a member of the New York Stock Exchange. He sued to recover 13,855 which he advanced for the support of Coffin's two children.

capital stock of the Ohio Copper Com-pany of the par value of \$10 per share tween \$10,000 and \$20,000 a year. She and of the value of \$5 per share.

TRUSTY IS ACQUITTED.

Du Bols Murder Jury Throws Out Circumstantial Evidence.

SALEM, N. J., Dec. 20 -William logg before overturning, on a mere before Supreme Court Kallsch of the

Fay engineer, Mr. Weaver, whose office cause."

So in Jamaica. This official made no John F. McIntyre is the lawyer men- and body. Trusty was alleged to have takement, nor was he in his office when hauding was made for him there.

The Bureau of Highways and the President of the Eastern Brewing the President of the Eastern Brewing and had his hat pulled over his face. Phybuilding Department alike disclaimed any duty of investigation, through limitations imposed upon them. Coroner an unblemished reputation and had many witnesses to his good charlance. Trusty was alleged to have been seen on the road near where the body was found. He carried a club and had his hat pulled over his face. Phybuilding Department alike disclaimed to the company and had been president of a brower for twelve years. He had been seen on the road near where the body was found. He carried a club and had his hat pulled over his face. Phybuilding Department alike disclaimed to the company and had been president of a brown an unblemished reputation and had many witnesses to his good charlance.

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Plant Near Albany Stocked With "Dairy Butter" That Was Sold Up the State.

ALBANY, Dec. 29.-An alleged "moonoleomargarine plant in an isolated irm house near the hamlet of Lathams ten miles from Albany, was raide early to-day by agents of the Federal Government and the State Department of Agriculture. A thousand pounds of white oles and more than seven hundred pounds colored in imitation of butter and packed in one and two-pound jars ready for delivery were confiscated, logether with \$300 in money which was found in a trunk. James Upritchard, forty years old, and William Hickey, ighteen years, were arrested. The officers who broke in the door

the house discovered a plant for the coloring of white oleo with large mixing vats, paddles, bottles of coloring matter and other pharaphernalia. A statement from the Agricultural Desartment says Upritchard confessed that

he had been manufacturing colored oleo for six months and had disposed of the product as dairy butter to customers ly henectady and Albany. Upritchard and lifekey were held to await the action of the Federal authorities.

Dies of Eve of Wedding. BERNARDSVILLE, N. J., Dec. 28.-At its father's home in Meyersville, where he was to have been married to-night, George Cornish, a carpenter, twenty-eight years old, lies deed, the victim of blood paisaning contracted from the funes of crossote. Cornish contracted the fatal absence while dipping shingles. All arrangements had been made for his marriage to Miss Ida Longwell of Wat-wick, N. Y. he was to have been married to-night,

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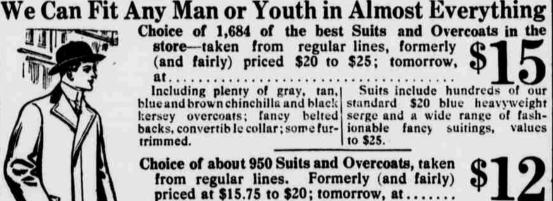
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